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1. In 1953 there was a persistent rumor among officers in the 4th Gds. Mecz. Army that all units in GOFG were to abandon winter quarters in barracks and live in hut and tent camps in wooded areas. The reason for this change, according to the rumor, was to "accustom the army to a severe military mode of existence" (pribilizit' armiyu k surovomu voennomu rezhimu).
2. Although no orders on the subject of such a move had appeared and it had not been discussed or mentioned at meetings of the 4th Gds. Mecz. Army Military Council (Voennyi Sovet) there was some truth in the rumor, since one regiment of the 6th Gds. Mecz. Div. did not return to Bernau 524IN-1335E in the Autumn of 1952, but remained during the winter in its summer hut camp.
3. During summer maneuvers all depots and repair bases of the 4th Gds. Mecz. Army were left at the home station; Hq. and the Motor Pool also remained all year at their permanent location. Several rifle companies remained behind to guard the Hq., depots, and repair bases. The units going to summer training areas took all their equipment with them, except for the equipment belonging to the depots and repair bases.
4. the units of this Army would leave on or about 25 April 1953 for the Templin 5307N-1330E training area. all units of the 4th Gds. Mecz. Army went to Templin (80 km. NW from Eberswalde 5250N-1350E) by motor transportation, and not by rail.

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